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PHOENIX MAN SENTENCED TO 70 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES

PHOENIX - Paul K. Charlton, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, and Lester Martz, Special Agent in Charge for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announced that on July 12, 2004, Paul William Ream, DOB 02/16/57, of Phoenix, was sentenced to four concurrent 70-month prison terms by U.S. District Judge Roslyn O. Silver.

On March 25, 2004, Ream pleaded guilty to four counts; Felon in Possession of Explosives, Possession of a Stolen Firearm, and two counts of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 842(i)(1), 922(j), and 922(g)(1). The investigation that led to the conviction disclosed that as a convicted felon, Ream sold two sticks of Dyno Nobel Iresplit (explosives); a Ruger Model P91DC, .40 caliber, semi-automatic handgun; and a stolen Ruger Model Mini-14, .223 caliber, semi-automatic rifle, to undercover officers of the Phoenix Police Department. Ream told the undercover officers that the stolen rifle was being sold on behalf of a local "mini park" criminal street gang member. Ream has nine prior felony

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convictions.

This prosecution is the most recent success for the District of Arizona's Project Safe Neighborhood's firearms enforcement program. The effectiveness of Project Safe Neighborhoods in Arizona is based on the ability of federal, state, and local agencies to cooperate in a unified offensive that is led by U.S. Attorney Paul K. Charlton. Through ongoing partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement like the one in this case, the U.S. Attorney is implementing a series of strategies that are contoured to fit the specific gun crime problems throughout Arizona. The ultimate goal of Project Safe Neighborhoods is to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and sustaining the reductions. Prosecutions such as this one are clearly a strong step in that direction.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Phoenix Police Department.

The prosecution was conducted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Lee of the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona.

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